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SUBJECT:U.S. DELEGATION TO CORONATION OF KING BIRENDRA

REF: KATHMANDU 726

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER CALLED IN NEPALESE
CHARGE B.P. RIMAL FEBRUARY 10 TO INFORM HIM PRESIDENT
HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT COUNSEL PHILIP W. BUCHEN TO HEAD
DELEGATION TO CORONATION OF KING BIRENDRA. BUCHEN IS A
CABINET MEMBER AND CLOSE ADVISER OF THE PRESIDENT. HE
HAS PREVIOUSLY PRACTICED PRIVATE LAW IN MICHIGAN AND
SERVED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL
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COMMITTEE ON RIGHT OF PRIVACY. MR. BUCHEN WILL BE THE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT WITH THE RANK OF SPECIAL AMBASSADOR. MRS. BUCHEN WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.

2. THERE WILL BE PERHAPS AS MANY AS SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL U-S. DELEGATION: AMBASSADOR WILLIAM I. CARGO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CAROL C. LAISE, MR. JAMES BROWN, (LONG-TIME ASSOCIATE OF THE PRESIDENT AND UTAH BUSINESS EXECUTIVE), MRS. MARQUITA MAYTAG (CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS LEADER, ASSOCIATE AND FRIEND OF LOWELL THOMAS) AND CAPITOL HILL REPRESENTATION (NOT YET CONFIRMED). THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL HAVE THE RANK OF REPRESENTATIVE

OF THE PRESIDENT WITH RANK OF SPECIAL AMBASSADOR.

3. IN INFORMING RIMAL, SOBER NOTED WE WERE SORRY WE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ADVISE AMBASSADOR KHANAL BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. HE OBSERVED THAT DELEGATION REFLECTED OUR VERY HIGH REGARD FOR KING BIRENDRA. SOBER STATED WE WOULD NOT MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DELEGATION UNTIL A LATER DATE AND ASKED THAT THE GON HOLD THIS INFORMATION IN CONFIDENCE UNTIL THEN.

4. RIMAL RESPONDED HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT'S CHOICE, THAT GON HAD HOPED FOR CABINET LEVEL REPRESENTATION. HE SAID HE WAS CERTAIN KING BIRENDRA WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO WELCOME MR.BUCHEN AS THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

5. WE SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED RIMAL THAT AMBASSADOR HECK WILL BE ACCREDITED BY SECRETARY AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF DELEGATION.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM MFA. WE ALSO HOPE YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR KHANAL TO ADVISE HIM REGARDING DELEGATION AND UNDERSCORE OUR REGRET WE WERE UNABLE TO INFORM HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. INGERSOLL

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